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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Charges Preferred against Seaman Apprentice Accused of Starting Fire on Ship

(U) The Department of the Navy has preferred charges against a junior sailor suspected of starting a multi-day fire that destroyed the amphibious assault ship Bonhomme Richard last summer in San Diego. The ship, which caught fire in July 2020, burned for four days before being sent to the scrapheap earlier this year. The sailor has been charged with aggravated arson and hazarding of a vessel or aircraft under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [Navy Times](#)

(U) San Diego – UC San Diego Health Suffers Data Breach, Phishing to Blame

(U) University of California San Diego Health System disclosed that the institution has experienced a significant data breach to the FBI and is working with external cybersecurity experts to investigate the event and determine exactly what happened. UC San Diego Health advised that the incident was a phishing attack that compromised some of the employees of the agency's email accounts. After discovering the breach, officials terminated the unauthorized access to the compromised accounts and alerted the authorities.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [Tech Genix](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Paisas Gang Member Arrested by Border Patrol

(U) Ocotillo – US Border Patrol agents assigned to the El Centro Sector arrested an undocumented individual, a member of the Paisas gang. The Mexican national illegally entered the US through the Jacumba Wilderness region near Ocotillo. Border patrol encountered the undocumented individual, arrested him, and transported him to the El Centro Processing Center. Record checks revealed that the individual is a member of the Paisas prison gang with an extensive criminal history and has been previously removed by an immigration judge.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) Texas – Los Zetas Cartel Tried to Buy \$500K in Grenades, Machine Guns

(U) Rio Bravo – Two Texas men and a Mexican national are facing federal money laundering and weapons conspiracy charges for their attempt to straw-purchase \$500,000 in RPGs, grenades, and machine guns on behalf of the Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los Zetas. According to the US Attorney's Office, federal authorities arrested Luis Ramos, 43, from Rio Bravo, Texas, on Tuesday and is expected to go before a judge in the near future. Officials previously arrested Manuel Perez Ortiz, 39, from Mexico, and Arturo Mata, 55, from Rio Bravo. Prosecutors claim that the violent cartel planned to use the weapons in battles against rivals to further their smuggling activities.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [Breitbart](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DOJ Launches Task Force to Combat Threats Against Election Workers

(U) Washington – The Department of Justice (DOJ) has launched a law enforcement task force to address the rise in threats against election workers, administrators, officials, and other associated with the electoral process. The task force will receive and assess allegations and reports of threats against elections workers, and include several entities within the DOJ and Department of Homeland Security.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Indiana – FedEx Shooter Wanted to ‘Demonstrate his Masculinity’, Not Racially Motivated

(U) Indianapolis – The former employee who shot and killed eight people at an Indianapolis FedEx warehouse in April acted alone and was not racially or ethnically motivated. Results of the investigation into the gunman’s motives indicate that he used the 15 April attack as an act of “suicidal murder” and believed he would “demonstrate his masculinity and capability” while fulfilling a final desire to experience killing people. Eight employees, including four members of the city’s Sikh community, were killed in the attack and five others were injured.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) West Virginia – 18 Indicted for Roles in Drug Trafficking Organization Operation

(U) Huntington – Eighteen individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury for their roles in a drug trafficking organization (DTO) operating in Huntington, West Virginia. Seventeen of these individuals are charged with conspiracy to distribute a variety of drugs including fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, cocaine base, oxycodone, and heroin. The arrests led to the confiscation of over 47-pounds of fentanyl, 6.5-pounds of methamphetamine, 4.5-pounds of cocaine, 2-pounds of heroin, 14 firearms and more than \$335,000 in illicit cash seized. The case was investigated by the FBI and the Southern West Virginia Task Force.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Greece – Senior ISIS member Arrested in Greece with Morocco’s Help

(U) Athens – Greek authorities, acting on a lead by Morocco’s security services, arrested a Moroccan national who held senior positions within the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The suspect was the subject of an international arrest warrant issued by the Moroccan authorities over his alleged involvement in preparing major terrorist plots and the perpetration of “sabotage operations” in Morocco at the instigation of ISIS. The successful operation underlines the importance of international security cooperation in fighting terrorism and tracking down members of terrorist organizations.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [The Arab Weekly](#)

(U) Somalia – 15 Al-Shabaab Fighters Killed by Somalia Troops

(U) Mogadishu – Fifteen al-Shabaab militants were killed while dozens sustained injuries after the Somali National Army (SNA) conducted a special operation at Afcad area near Bulabarte town in central Somalia. Terrorist bases were also destroyed during the operation. Officials added that the operation would continue until the army liberated all areas under the militant group in Hiiraan region.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [Xinhua Net](#)

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(U) South Africa – ‘Death Kitty’ Ransomware Linked to South African Port Attack

(U) Durban – South Africa’s port and rail company appears to have been targeted with a strain of ransomware that cybersecurity experts have linked to a series of high-profile data breaches likely carried out by crime gangs from Eastern Europe and Russia. The hackers left a ransom note claiming they encrypted the company’s files, including a terabyte of personal data, financial reports, and other documents. The note instructed the firm to visit a chat portal on the dark web to enter negotiations.

SOURCE: 29 July 2021, [Bloomberg](#)

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